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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:

Applicants also request that the following amendments be made in the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

In the December 18, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner renumbered claims 2-9, introduced in the Preliminary Amendment filed February 7, 2000, as claims 20-27. Please cancel renumbered claims 20-27 corresponding to claims 2-9 of the February 7, 2000 Preliminary Amendment without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

In addition, please renumber claims 20-28, introduced in the Second Preliminary Amendment filed August 6, 2001, as claims 28-36 which will then be the only claims pending in the subject application.

Please cancel claims 20-27, introduced in the Preliminary Amendment filed February 7, 2000,

REMARKS

Claims 20-36 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants cancel renumbered claims 20-27 corresponding to claims 2-9 of the February 7, 2000 Preliminary Amendment without disclaimer or prejudice and renumbered claims 20-28,